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# Special Issue on Plenary and Invited Papers From ICOPS 2010

**T**HE 37th IEEE International Conference on Plasma Science (ICOPS) was held in Norfolk, VA, from June 20 to June 24, 2010. The technical program combined seven technical-related areas of plasma science and a range of diverse topics. A total of 562 abstracts from 37 countries were accepted, and the technical program included four plenary talks. There were 217 oral and 345 poster presentations. The plenary talks were given by Prof. L. Boufendi on Dusty Plasmas, Prof. E. Kunhardt on Non-Equilibrium Plasma Sources, Dr. K. S. Budil on High Energy Density Physics, and Dr. M. Thumm on the use of gyrotrons for ITER and fusion reactors. For the first time, ICOPS had a session on terahertz radiation and applications organized by Dr. B. Levush of NRL and two special sessions on the emerging field of Plasma Medicine, organized by Prof. M. Laroussi and Prof. M. Kong.

The research work presented at this conference showcased the latest progress in seven different areas. These included the following: 1) *basic processes in fully and partially ionized plasmas*; 2) *microwave generation and plasma interactions*; 3) *charged particle beams and sources*; 4) *high-energy-density plasma applications*; 5) *industrial, commercial, and medical plasma applications*; 6) *plasma diagnostics*; and 7) *pulsed power and other plasma applications*. Collectively, they represented a vast diversity ranging from intriguing plasmas formed at the tip of nanostructures, through very large scale fusion plasmas and system concepts. Applications were also wide ranging and included coherent light sources and flat-panel displays, surface modification and treatments, and plasma effects for medicine and biology. This Special Issue contains nine refereed papers representing a small collection of some of the most exciting presentations from ICOPS 2010.

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